

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV.

I currently have DISH network satellite service for non-local stations, and cable service for local stations.

I like the features of the satellite service better (user-lists for favorite channels, rating lock-outs, and digital pausing/recording/time-shifting).

I would like to be able to use these features with the local channels as well, and understand that my area (Albany NY), would gain satellite local channel access if the merger is approved.

Please support this merger.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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